



AUCTUS Management holds a first and final close for second fund

Munich September 20, 2007 – The German private equity firm AUCTUS Management GmbH & Co. KG today announced the first and final close of its new fund, AUCTUS II, with capital commitments of EUR 39m. The new fund will invest pro-rata alongside the existing evergreen fund and a strong personal commitment of the AUCTUS team, which results in a total capital for new investments of approximately EUR 100m.

Founder and Managing Partner Dr Ingo Krocke said: “The combination of a very successful AUCTUS I portfolio with double digit money multiples and the tremendous deal activity with 8 to 10 new deals in 2007 caused strong investor interest. We were largely oversubscribed and thus had to increase the original hard cap of EUR 30m substantially. Since we were targeting only a small amount of additional equity to supplement our existing main fund, we didn’t approach any investors actively but limited ourselves to respond to investors who approached us. As a result, we achieved commitments from new pedigree investors whom we are very proud of.”

Investors in the fund include European and US Fund of Funds plus entrepreneurs.

Established in 2001, AUCTUS is a well established private equity partner investing in small and medium sized businesses in German speaking countries, focussing on niche market leaders with buy and build opportunities. Sample investments include Lemo Maschinenbau, a world market leader of special machines for flexible packaging solutions; PharmaZell, a strongly growing producer of active pharmaceutical ingredients; and TimePartner, a temporary employment business bought as a buy and build strategy in 2004 and sold in 2006 for an 18x return.

The new fund will continue this focus and successful strategy. “We see fantastic opportunities in the lower mid market, and we are very excited about the prospects for the new fund which will have a kick-start with already 5 deals by end of September,” says Ingo Krocke. “I think our ability to negotiate complex transactions, offer credible solutions and to deliver on our promises makes us the partner of choice for entrepreneurs as well as corporate spin-offs.”

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